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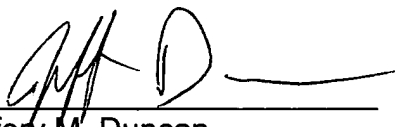
concentration of at least one component of a liquid biological sample before analysis of said sample by an in vitro diagnostic method; Group II, claim 44, drawn to an apparatus for measuring the concentration of at least one component of a liquid biological sample before analysis of said sample by an in vitro diagnostic method; Group III, Claims 45 -46, drawn to a photometric probe for measuring the concentration of at least one component of a liquid biological sample before analysis of said sample by an in vitro diagnostic method; and Group IV, claims 47 - 50, drawn to an analyzer with an apparatus for photometric measurements.

Applicants elect to prosecute Group I, Claims 18 - 43, drawn to a method for measuring the concentration of at least one component of a liquid biological sample before analysis of said sample by an in vitro diagnostic method. Please cancel unelected claims 44 - 50.

If, for any reason, the Examiner feels that an interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issues, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4235.

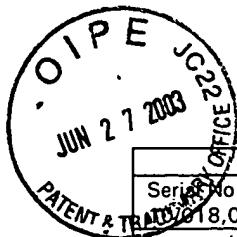
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 9793/95
Serial No. 18,080	Filing Date December 10, 2001	Examiner Sang H. Nguyen	Group Art Unit 2877
Inventor(s) Oliver Elsenhans, et al.			
Title of Invention Method And Apparatus For Examining Fluids Of Biological Origin			

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- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
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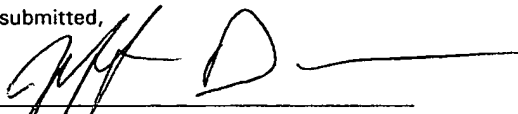
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